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SPECIFICATION OF “ENDOSCOPIC CABINET”.

Cabinets used for the storage of flexible endoscope should be situated in a secure location in the clean workroom of the endoscopy processing area in a two-room design or in a separate clean area close to, but not within, the endoscopy procedure room. O Storage cabinets should have doors and should be located at least 3 ft (0.9 m) from any sink. Flexible endoscopes should be stored in a drying cabinets. O if a drying cabinets is not available, flexible endoscope may be stored in a closed cabinet with HEPA-filtered air that provides positive pressure and allows air circulation around the flexible endoscopes. Flexible endoscopes that have been mechanically processed should be stored in a cabinet that is either o designed and intended by the cabinet manufacturer for horizontal storage of flexible endoscopes or o of sufficient height, width, and depth to allow flexible endoscopes to hang vertically without coiling and without touching the bottom of the cabinet. Flexible endoscopes should be stored with all valves open, and removable parts should be detached but stored with the endoscope. Flexible endoscopes should be clearly identifiable, with a distinct visual cue, as processed and ready for use. 240 j AORN Journal www.aornjournal.orgGuidelines Summary September 2016, Vol. 104, No.3 (continued) Guideline Summary: Processing Flexible Endoscopes1 # Recommendation key points Flexible endoscope and storage cabinet should be visually inspected for cleanliness before endoscope are placed into or removed from storage. Personnel should wear clean, low-protein, powder-free, natural rubber latex gloves or latex-free gloves when handling processed flexible endoscope and when transporting them to and from the storage cabinet. A multidisciplinary team that includes infection preventionists, endoscopy and perioperative RNs, endoscopy processing personnel, endoscopists, and other involved personnel should establish a policy to determine the maximum storage time that processed flexible endoscopes are considered safe to use without reprocessing. O The multidisciplinary team should establish a policy for removing and reprocessing the endoscope before use if the minimum storage time as been extended storage cabinets used for flexible endoscope should be cleaned and differenced with an Environmental Protection agency registered hospitalgrade disinfectant when they are visibly soiled and on a regular (eg, daily, weekly) basis. O A multidisciplinary team that includes infection preventionists, endoscopy and perioperative RNs, endoscopy processing personnel, endoscopists, and other involved personnel should establish a policy to determine the cleaning frequency of the storage cabinet.

Three models to accommodate unique space and budget needs.